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Sen. Boxer is asking for new alerts, guidance and regulation on reactive chemicals like ammonium nitrate. She pointed to recommendations made by the CSB in 2002 for more regulation of reactive chemicals, such as requirements for non-combustible bins and sprinkler systems.

The CSB representative testified that EPA's practice of subpoenaing its safety investigations for use in criminal proceedings limits how forthcoming workers are about facility practices that led to accidents and impedes the effectiveness of its investigations.

Sen. Vitter asked several questions about inherently safer technology and whether agencies had adequate funding to do inspections to implement existing regulations.

Anyone else who watched, do you have any notes to add?

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